

Amendment A  
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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1 and 11 as follows:

Sub 1. (Amended) A system for providing communications between communication devices located on different landmasses, comprising:

first and second cables, wherein each of said first and second cables further comprises one or more data signal carrying lines and an electrical power conductor, wherein said first cable carries data signals between communication devices of a first landmass and a second landmass, and said second cable carries data signals between communication devices of the first landmass and a third landmass; and

an electrical power connector located on said first landmass and connecting said electrical power conductors of said first and second cables so that electrical current can flow between said power conductors of said first and second cables.

11. (Amended) A communication system, comprising:

a first cable station located on a first landmass, having a first piece of power feed equipment;

a second cable station located on a second landmass, having a second piece of power feed equipment;

a plurality of cable segments, each connecting communication networks of two landmasses, wherein each of said plurality of cable segments includes an electrical power conductor and one or more data signal carrying lines, and wherein said electrical power conductors of said plurality of cable segments are electrically connected in series between a